(c) what is the number of new branches that were opened by Co-operative Banking Sector in Gujarat during 1984, 1985 and 1986; and

(d) what is the number of them that are in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) In the State of Gujarat, the 28 Public Sector Banks opened 94, 80 and 4 branches during the calendar years 1984, 1985 and 1986 respectively. Out of these branches, 51 in 1984 and 49 in 1985 were opened in rural areas. In 1986, no branch was opened in rural area by any of the 28 Public Sector Banks in Gujarat. The number of branches opened by the Central Cooperative Banks in Gujarat during the Cooperative Years 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985-86 was 60, 22 and 30 respectively and all these branches were opened in rural areas. In addition, the urban cooperative banks had opened 28 branches in 1984-85 and 10 branches in 1985-86 in Gujarat and all these were in urban metropolitan centres.

Impact of TV Serial 'Subah' on students

*132. SHRI SATYA PAL MALIK: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any information regarding the impact of T.V. programme titled "Subah" on the students of the country particularly rural and urban students, has been collected; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) A number of letters from viewers have been received in appreciation of the programme. However, no specific Audience Research survey has been done to assess its impact on the students.

Chairmen of Administrative Tribunals

*138. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER;
PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per a recent decision of the Supreme Court the Chairmen of the Administrative Tribunals must have judicial background of a High Court Judge;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to bring a necessary amendment in the Administrative Tribunals Act, 1985 to preclude the Secretaries to the Government from becoming Chairmen of the Tribunals; and

(c) whether any consequential changes are likely to be made in the present set-up of the Tribunals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The Supreme Court in its judgement dated 9-12-86 has laid down that only a person who is or has been a judge of a High Court or a person who has worked as a Vice-Chairman of the Tribunal for two years can be appointed as Chairman of an Administrative Tribunal under the Administrative Tribunals Act.

(b) and (c) A Review Petition has been filed in the Supreme Court on 10-1-1987. The Government would take further action in the light of the judgement after disposal of the Review Petition.